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## Chapter 941 - Nella Luzear

When the elder said so, the atmosphere turned cold as Alcea could already understand what was going on. She glared at Andre and directed her killing intent to him.

"Wait a minute." Alex suddenly stopped her and went between her and Andre.

"What are you doing now? You have just proven to me there is a traitor, and now you are stopping me? I am not going to kill him first until he gives me all the information I want."

Alex shook his head before looking at the elder. "The reason I did all of this was indeed due to the poison. However, I wouldn't act like this if he didn't provoke me first."

"So, you want to kill him yourself?"

"Nope." Alex shook his head. "There are two traces of poisons on him. The first one is on his hand, so I assume he must be poisoning Sir Millman not long ago."

"Did you do anything with me today, Millman?" Alcea turned around.

Millman thought for a moment before remembering something. "I indeed discussed the entire plan first with him to understand what we needed to do. When I did it, he brought wine, so it wouldn't get too boring. I didn't think at that time, but this one was the most suspicious."

Alcea nodded and turned back to Alex. "And the second one?"

"He—" Alex suddenly heard him start talking and immediately stopped him from saying another word, sticking the handle of his spear in his mouth. "It's in his mouth."

Not daring to take a risky approach with poison, Alcea ordered the elder to remove the poison.

The elder nodded and proceeded carefully before finding the poison bag under his tongue.

Andre turned pale. He never expected that all the plans suddenly went to smoke with the appearance of Alex. He thought by provoking him and making him react a bit unreasonably, the others would pay attention to Alex more than him, so he did it.

To think it wasn't the case, and Alex turned around the situation. After that, he even realized there was a poison bag that he could bite to commit suicide and prevented him from doing so.

"This one is Graten Poison, from a monster called Graten. It seems to have been processed to the point it will burn down the organs or even the entire body itself. Considering the concentration, if one touch this poison after being used, it could melt their hand as well." The elder furrowed his eyebrows before looking at Alex. "May I know how you know there is a poison bag in his mouth?"

"Experience. I often did a mission like this, and eighty percent of it contained a betrayal like this. Well, I can't really say if it was a betrayal or something, but there was always a mole." Alex glanced at Aria, who seemed to understand what he meant. Even when he came to her family, there was a case like this, so she could only sigh. "After checking his pulse and his body, I checked every corner that might contain a poison and found a poison bag under his tongue, so I had been wary of him."

"I see." The elder nodded. "I will get the antidote for Millman first, and I shall place this poison here so as to not make the situation even more complicated."

When the elder left, Alcea looked at him with a serious expression. "Since you are the one solving this incident, I am going to ask this. How do you want to solve this issue?"

"Of course, I will leave it to the Luzear Family." Alex smiled before stepping aside, stretching his hand as if telling Alcea to go ahead and interrogate him.

"You are weird." She narrowed her eyes. "But thank you."

"You're welcome. I am just doing my job." Alex then walked toward Aria and stood by there, watching how the situation would go.

Nella, who just learned all of this, recovered from her shock and stared at Alex for a while before asking her mother. "What should we do with the current mission, Mother?"

"The inheritance is a must. But since they know about our plan, we need to change our plan or make a detour." Alcea nodded before grabbing Andre. "I am going to interrogate him first to get more information. Millman, you stay here, so Elder Po can detoxify the poison. Nella, bring the two to the guest room first. We will hold another meeting tomorrow."

"I understand." Millman bowed and stepped back.

"Yes, Mother." Nella nodded and watched her mother leaving before turning to Alex.

"Haha, young man, you are good!" Millman laughed and patted Alex's back. "I am not a poison expert, so I don't know what kind of poison in my stomach, but without you, I might die tomorrow because of this poison."

"It's nothing. I just love being careful." Alex shook his head.

"Good, good! Careful is nice." He nodded. "There is only one thing that makes me confused. Are you really a 4-Star Martial Saint? Not only have you discovered something like this, but you also succeeded in stopping Madam Alcea. The strength of a God Rank Expert wasn't something that could easily be blocked, you know."

'Of course, it's because Nyx himself is a God Rank Expert.' Aria thought but stayed quiet as to not give any information to them.

"I sensed that Madam hadn't made the resolve to kill us, so if I poured all my energy into my grip, I could stall her for a second. That was why I immediately explained the reason that could stop Madam Alcea." Alex shook his head and humbly answered.

"I see. I would start panicking if I were you. Youngsters these days are indeed extraordinary." He nodded in understanding before feeling a glare coming from another direction. He instantly realized and covered his mouth. "Oops. I have talked too long. For now, we will process this situation first, so you can rest in this place first."

"Then, let me guide you there." Nella immediately opened her mouth, not wanting to get interrupted again.

Alex and Aria exchanged looks and nodded before following Nella.

'Even I can't feel this...' Aria sighed in defeat. 'I mean, my enhanced senses are still weaker than your ability. Is that your innate ability or is it because you are a God Rank Expert you can sense something like that?'

'It's true that when you have a Divine Body, your sense is strengthened. That was why the madam immediately stopped when I pointed at something. Luckily, she had a cool head this whole time, or I will need to use my strength to block any of her attacks. And yeah, experience matters too.'

'I will leave it at that.' She changed the topic. 'By the way, what will happen to this mission now?'

'They will come up with another plan.'

'I know, but won't it make your traps useless?'

'True. But it means there is another chance to overturn the situation. I will see their plan first and make an adjustment there if needed. Of course, I will be negotiating with them.'

'I guess you didn't predict that there would be a culprit in that room.'

'Yeah. It was purely me acting according to the situation. You could even keep up with the situation before I instructed you.'

'Hehe. I believe you are someone who moves if there is something. Seeing you like that, I better trust you instead of them. After all, I know you more than them.'

'You are not afraid that their God Rank Experts will kill you after killing me?'

'Do you have a plan to die?'

'Nope.'

'Exactly.'

"..." Alex was speechless for a second before sighing. 'You little devil."

'You are younger than me.'

'Fine. Junior Devil.'

Aria smiled.

At the end of the corridor, they saw a thick wooden door, and Nella turned around and said, "This is your room. Before coming in, I would like to give my thanks to you. If you didn't do anything, I would have died tomorrow. And I want to apologize for yelling at you without knowing to understand the context."

Alex saw her bowing her head before helping her up. "It's fine. I can understand your reaction. After all, we are just an outsider in your eyes. Even though we have the introduction letter from Senior Sister Melvie, we are just a mere Junior Disciple."

"Thank you for your understanding." She nodded and opened the door, revealing a huge room with two doors facing each other inside.

"This is a dual room. Miss...Aria can use the room on the left, and Sir Nyx can use the one on our right. The facility is basically the same. If there is something, we will leave the letter on this room, specifically on this table." Nella walked toward the table in the middle of the room.

"Thank you for your hospitality." Alex nodded.

"I wonder if Unsurpassed Blade Sect has many people like you."

Alex didn't answer her. He simply had no answer to that since his knowledge about the sect was shallow.

"That is something you can find after you join the sect in the future." Aria smiled.

"Is that so? Because my element is equal to my technique in spear, I am still considering whether to join Unsurpassed Blade Sect or Thousand Elements Sect." Nella sighed.

Alex fell silent. He always believed there was no right path or wrong path. Lin Xingzhi, Alicia, and Firia mostly used their elements, while he and a few others used their weapons more than elements. Although his path could use both powers together, the focus and fighting style was different, so Alex couldn't really say anything about this.

"The answer lies in your heart. I...No, no one has the answer to your question. They are connected with each other, but they have their own fighting style and compatibility. If you feel that you are more suited to Thousand Elements Sect, then go ahead and choose it. But if you feel otherwise, it's good to join the Unsurpassed Blade Sect. Don't let anyone influence you, and you will be fine." Alex gave his piece of advice.

Nella looked at him in admiration. "Before, others always said that their sects were the best, so I needed to join their sect. Even my mother said I needed to join the Unsurpassed Blade Sect because her friend is there. I don't know why but they are less convincing when I compare them to you.

"Choosing my own path and believing what I want to do. That makes me want to join the Unsurpassed Blade Sect, even though you just said to not let anyone influence me. You are sly, Mister." Nella smiled.

Alex shrugged. "I didn't promote the sect, and you might find it disappointing when you arrived at the sect."

"Hehe...If I have a senior like you, I think it will become interesting. Not only will my future have tense situations like earlier, but I can also have a person to idolize." She smirked and looked at Alex. "Hmm...What is the line again? I have heard it so often when those females idolize disciples from my family. Ah, right. Do you need a wife? I can warm the bed for you."

"..." Alex looked at her, wondering if this girl had a screw loose in her head.

"And there is a case where the other party is a female that has a reputation for having a line of men waiting for her to take their hands. So, I am wondering if I am the one saying that to Mister, what are you going to do?" Nella smiled as if she thought something sly. "Besides, I have often heard the situation in Unsurpassed Blade Sect from my mother, so I know that not many are like you."

Alex shook his head and let out a long sigh.

"Pfft." Aria laughed before teasing him. "Nyx, I love you. I can warm your bed and give birth to a bunch of children."

"I will triple your training in the sect after this. Don't expect you can rest before you collapse." Alex glanced at her with a serious expression.

"..." Aria's body shook as she became tense.

As for Nella, he replied with action. He took off his mask, showing a portion of his burn mark on his face.

"!!!"

#### Chapter 942 - New Plan

"!!!" She drew a gasp when Alex let her see his burn mark.

Aria obviously never knew about it because she never saw it, and her Sword Eye had yet to be trained, so he couldn't see Alex's real appearance. However, it was obvious that seeing Alex's face was quite a shock to Nella, so she realized that Alex might have experienced something more painful than her blindness.

Nella realized what she had just done and immediately apologized. "I am sorry."

"It's fine, you don't really need to mind about it. I just want to show you that the joke isn't really that great to me, so if you can, please help me to stop with that kind of joke." Alex gently smiled and put his mask on.

"I am sorry. It might not be much coming from me, but I don't think it's much important. If you find someone that truly loves you, they won't care something like that burn mark." Nella tried to comfort him, feeling bad with the fact that her joke forced him to reveal that appearance. It must be so hard and traumatic for him.

Alex nodded. "Thank you."

"Either way, your skill is still a real deal. My mother said that Miss Aria's skill could be compared to you, albeit on a smaller scale. Is that true?" She asked.

"In a sense, yes."

"I see. Despite having high cultivation like this, my fighting power isn't that great. I can't really fight against a 2-Star Martial Monarch." She looked down. People often told her how she was a genius to reach 1-Star Martial Monarch in fifty years, but everyone only recognized her cultivation speed, not her battle prowess.

When she asked about it, they quickly changed the topic with a weird expression. Of course, she knew how hard it was to fight someone above your level, but Alex and Aria made it look easy. Alex rendered Andre, a 6-Star Martial Saint, useless with his power alone, while Aria cut his hand in the most unexpected time, allowing a 2-Star Martial Saint like her to strike him.

"There is nothing wrong with it. Prowess isn't necessarily the right answer. You can pressure your enemy with your cultivation alone, and there are many ways to take advantage of your high cultivation in your peers." Alex shook his head.

"Thank you." Nella nodded before taking out a paper and rolling it out on the table. "This is the map of the region. My destination is this Mount Moja, specifically at its peak. The inheritance can only be opened by me, and I am the only one who can enter also.

"The problem will be the bandit. Our first assumption is there will be a peak Martial Saint during the attack, so we have Millman to act as a guard force. It's enough just to have me enter there, and we will win because the place can't be opened anymore, and the inheritance is with me. Unless they can destroy my family, there is nothing they can do.

"Your mission is to protect me during the journey. Even if the opponents have an overwhelming number, you need to bring them there."

Alex touched his chin while thinking. "By the way, I want to ask. Why do you not use a Teleportation Array? It's easy to teleport there."

"I don't deny that it's easy, but the enemies will probably have an ambush there. That's why the first wave will be around a hundred people with powerful opponents to weaken our force before annihilating our main force in the inheritance place.

"If the opponent is only a single family, our family obviously won't lose. But our current enemies are a joint of three families. That's why it takes all of our resources just to stop these three from directly interfering.

"And if we teleport there, I am sure they have placed traps, so this is the only course of action that we can take." She sighed.

Alex thought for a moment and said, "I see. If we can't destroy the first wave, there is a possibility that they will join the other group and ambush us there. But if we can annihilate this first group while conserving our force, there is a high possibility of winning."

Nella looked at him with a shocked face, never expecting Alex to see through the essence of their first plan in a single glance.

"We can probably make a detour, but if they know about it, the first group will stop waiting for us and return to their original camp. This way, there is no chance of you getting through them."

"Ye-yes. You are very smart." Nella praised him honestly. "I don't know why but you look like a perfect person to marry for. I mean, you are strong and smart. And I have never heard about your reputation, so I believe you are not from a wealthy or prominent family. This way, if you are getting married, you will take the other party's surname. I don't mean anything, but many are marrying their daughters to a fat middle-aged man or an ugly bastard or a playboy to make a relationship among two families, but you are different from them."

Alex sighed and chose to ignore her blabbering. "Anyway, I have understood the earlier plan. Even though there will be a change of plan, I am sure it won't be that big."

"I am not sure myself. Mother sometimes used an underhanded tactic to the point some people, including my father, were angry about it. Well, no one pursued the matter to her because her tactic would always be effective, so no one was shameless enough to rebuke the tactic."

"I see. Preparing for an unknown for tomorrow." Alex nodded before looking at Aria. "What do you think?"

"This is not my forte, so I can't really say much other than changing the path and ambush them since they are chasing us," Aria commented.

"Well, I have another plan, but in the end, I am nothing but an outsider, and my task is to bring you to safety." Alex shook his head.

Nella wanted to say something but stopped. "For now, you can rest for today while my mother is handling another matter. If you—Never mind. Please enjoy your stay and don't wander around for now to avoid you from being spotted."

Alex nodded. "Thank you for the information."

"You're welcome." Nella walked toward the door but halted her footsteps right after opening the door. She then turned around and bowed her head. "Please take care of me during the mission."

Without waiting for the answer, she ran off.

Since there was nothing to do, Alex and Aria decided to spend the rest of the day cultivating since that would be the fastest way to waste time.

However, Nella returned as soon as night came.

"Knock Knock Knock."

Alex opened the door and asked. "What is it?"

"My mother wants you to join us in the previous room to discuss the plan."

"Alright. I will call Aria first." Alex nodded and went to Aria's room without a care as if something like this didn't even matter. In any case, it looked like a man walking to the girl's room, but how he acted certainly raised an absurd idea in her mind.

When he came with Aria, they found her face red.

"Is there any problem?"

"No-no." She repeatedly shook her head and turned around, walking toward the room as if running away from the embarrassment.

"Naughty child." Since she teased him earlier, Alex couldn't help but comment.

"Ugh." Nella looked down and walked even faster. It seemed she was a girl who often "attacked" someone, but she would cower and couldn't do anything when the opponent struck first.

When they entered the room, there was only Alcea and Millman this time. It seemed she didn't choose any replacement for Andre.

"You have come." She nodded. "Firstly, I want to thank you for catching a traitor earlier. Your observation skill is indeed powerful, and you look like you know something about medicine. Anyway, let me move on first because we lack time right now. I will give my thanks after this mission."

Alex and Aria nodded while walking to the table, where they found a few pieces on the map as if they had gotten a new plan.

"They are going to ambush us in this area." She pointed out an area within the only forest they would need to cross before reaching their destination. "There are one hundred bandits waiting for you there. Their leader, the 5-Star Martial Saint, will appear too, but more importantly, a 9-Star Martial Saint will appear. As you might already know, the bandits are under a certain family. Even though they claim they know nothing about it, the information network of a big family like us can't be underestimated.

"My point is, we are going to strike and annihilate them here. Because they are trying to use the poison to eliminate the biggest threat in this operation, we can be assured that they will be taken aback when they realize Millman has no more poison in his body.

"That's where we are going to strike them. Unlike the normal plan, we are going to bring more carriage than we are supposed to and hide people inside them using a Concealment Array. With this, we can send around another fifty people or so.

"Unfortunately, if there is a single God Rank Expert inside the carriage, the enemy will know because that's how big the power contained in Divine Body.

"Anyway, the plan is to annihilate the first one hundred with a hundred fifty people. After that, we will break through their ranks and have Nella go to the inheritance palace. Any questions?" She asked.

Alex looked at the map and furrowed his eyebrows, feeling a bit unsatisfied with the current plan.

"Do you have anything to add, Young Nyx?" Alcea felt Alex was a bit special after the show she had just seen early in the morning.

"No, no. The plan is good, but I feel there is a better plan. Of course, this costs a bit more money, but I don't think the Luzear Family will mind, right?"

"Ho?! I am listening."

"Teleportation Array."

"..." She didn't understand his plan immediately, but when she thought more and more about it, she was shocked how the plan would impact their overall situation. "You little devil."

"Is that a praise?"

"It is. Or should I throw my daughter as a prize?"

"Wha?!" Nella looked at her mother with a weird face, but more importantly, she had yet to get recovered from Alex's teasing earlier. And she didn't forget how she teased her with something like this in the morning.

"I am just saying, I don't mind if it's true though." She had the same opinion as Nella after realizing Alex's plan.

Aria was laughing inside, seeing how popular Alex was. In fact, she started thinking that the reason why Alex wanted her to be in the spotlight was to avoid anyone trying to match their daughter or granddaughter with him.

"You are strong and smart. Although your plan will cost money, we are known as a merchant family, and Nella is good at managing money. Isn't that perfect?" She shrugged.

"Pfft!" Aria couldn't contain her laugh anymore. She also knew the reason why they shared a house when the others weren't. Illevis wanted to use her to bind Alex that seemed to have no loyalty to the sect.

Alex twitched his eyebrows before sighing. "I hope that madam can go back to our main topic."

"Come on. You are no fun. I mean, the plan has been finalized with that one word of yours, you know."

"In that case, may I return to the room to rest for the battle tomorrow?"

"Oh! Nella, take a bath right now. I will bring you special clothes for tonight!"

Alex was speechless. "This is the first time that there is a mother like you. Usually, there are too many old sly foxes around me."

"People know me as a witch." She smirked.

"Can I change my mind and reject this mission?"

# Chapter 943 - Eve's New Form

After that, they continued discussing it for an hour, and Alcea was working on the detailed parts. Alex and Aria decided to stand right in front of the wall and stopped participating in the discussion. After all, they had shown what they could do today. If they showed more, it would be too troublesome when they returned to the sect.

While watching them, Aria asked Alex with a thought transmission. 'Nyx. I can't understand one thing. Can I ask you?'

'Sure.'

'Why are you carrying a spear? If I am not wrong, that spear is a Divine Weapon, right?' She was perplexed by this because it wasn't normal to bring a few types of weapons with them, especially if they didn't use them.

Hearing this question, Alex realized she was talking about the spear he used to stop Andre from biting the poison bag to kill himself. He then explained. 'It's not a big deal for me. Even though I handle my sword very well, it doesn't mean my knowledge is limited only to a sword.'

'Hmm?' She tilted her head in confusion. 'Then do you have a Spear Intent as well?'"

'You are missing my point. What I want to explain to you is that you shouldn't focus on one thing. Learn your enemies, and you shall win. If I know the range of the spear, the power of a Divine Spear, and other things, I can understand how much power I should use to deflect, block, or clash with the spear.

'The same applies to other weapons. I can show you that I bring Divine Bow, Mace, and any other things. I use them to learn everything I need to know, including how to defeat them.

'For an example. I used my spear to stop that Andre, right? It was simply because I knew that the spear had a perfect length to do since if I insert a sword inside his mouth, he will kill himself with my own sword.'

'Ah?!' She was shocked. This was the first time someone had explained this to her. All she knew from childhood was that she didn't need to learn anything other than the sword because it would waste her time and a person who could succeed in cultivating two weapons at the same time has yet to be born according to her family.

However, with Alex's explanation that told her to know them more to defeat them, she could understand and relate to what he meant. Alex had a different thought about it, and that made him strong.

If she could defeat someone with another type of weapon in the most efficient way because she understood how they worked, it would be the most amazing thing to do.

She felt ashamed at this point, thinking that Alex might be able to use a spear at a high degree of proficiency. And it almost hit her heart because she thought Alex was far more monstrous than she thought.

Alex, on the other hand, had prepared this explanation since the beginning. After all, he surely wanted an excuse that could be used to play dumb in case something like this happened. Of course, he didn't tell her a single lie.

He indeed studied other weapons to increase his knowledge about them. That was why he could come on top every single time. It wasn't just because of his overwhelming power. Knowing what to expect from the opponent and how to defeat it played a big part in this matter.

'I am sorry.'

'What for?' Alex was baffled by the sudden apology. She shouldn't have something to apologize for, so he was afraid if this would affect her heart in this mission.

'Nothing. I just want to say sorry for a dumb question like that. I will be working on this type of knowledge since it can be applied to fight those element users and any other types of cultivators. If I have enough understanding of them, I can beat them in an efficient way. It's a kind of learning how the monsters will act...To think I didn't know about this until now, I am ashamed.' She looked down, blaming herself.

'You are doing just fine. This will take time after all. Even my disciple hasn't learned this since I am planning to cram the knowledge when they reach God Rank Expert since those who have reached this stage are a kind of master of their own fighting style.' Alex shrugged.

He told the truth this time also. With the knowledge from the inheritance, he could understand most parts for other weapons. He learned this when he spent those ten years inside the Time Room.

'I see. I will put this aside for now since you said so.' She nodded.

'Yeah. You can focus on your cultivation for now because this is the most important thing you need to do. When you reach Rank 10 God, you will realize how hard it is to advance to Rank 9 God. That's why expertise and knowledge are more important at this point. And with the big gap between each Rank, you need at least to be at the top of your own rank. In other words, if you are a Rank 10 God, no Rank 10 God can defeat you. This is my first motive.'

'I understand. I shall work on it. Thank you for the advice.'

Alex smiled, knowing that the problem had been resolved. After discussing this, Aria fell into deep thought, so he was the one focusing on the planning.

Alex chose to not say anything after this because the major plan was already according to his most effective tactic, while the minor details were something that could be adjusted during the campaign itself.

The discussion went for another hour before they finalized the plan. Alcea didn't forget to ask Alex about the details, but Alex politely declined to say anything about the plan because it didn't really matter.

She could only accept that answer reluctantly and dismissed everyone from the room, so they could go according to the schedule tomorrow.

Alex and Aria then returned to their room. Since their room was separated, Alex used this chance to finally have a full conversation for the mission with his Sword Spirit.

"Eve, are you there?" Alex took out his new sword.

The sword released its energy before a black ball emerged from it and turned into a figure. Unlike the previous style, her clothes had changed into a black gothic style princess, albeit her figure remained the same.

"I am here, Master."

"How are you doing inside the Inventory?"

"That place is a separate space from this world, so at first, I am baffled with it. I have seen the space inside the Space Ring as well, so I know that the one in the Inventory is better for me. It's more spacious and comfortable, albeit I wish Master could bring me in your waist or something, so I can see the outside world," Eve explained.

"I see. Well, this world is special, so I guess I can do that. However, I don't know whether I can carry you with me the whole time because I need to hide my identity most of the time."

"I understand. It isn't really that much different being in a cave, but it's better than being stuck there. I just hope that Master can take me out from time to time."

"I can do that." Alex nodded.

"Then, I don't mind staying in the Inventory."

"For now, you don't need to. You have a scabbard, right? I will use it and carry you along with me. However, since no one knows about the Sword Spirit, if possible, don't show yourself without my permission."

"Sure. I can still see the world that way and send a thought transmission to Master to talk from time to time." She nodded, hesitated for a second, and apologized. "Master, I want to apologize for something."

"What is it?"

"Do you remember the fact that the original consciousness is the result of Dragon and Phoenix Energy?"

"Yes."

"Because I am an entirely separate entity, I don't have that kind of energy. In other words, in your spear later, it has a concentrated Dragon and Phoenix Energy. Meanwhile, I only have killing intent and bloodlust. If you are using that, I can enhance it even further to scare your enemies."

"So, why did you even apologize to me? Was it because of the Dragon and Phoenix Energy?"

She nodded.

"It's fine. I don't really mind that. I have something I want to test, but I guess that can wait."

"I came to this world two weeks ago, and all we did was adjust my current state with the new weapon and increase the synchronization between us to efficiently use my power. We haven't really tried your Sword Techniques."

"Yeah. I am wondering what kind of power you will have if I use that."

"Ah, you have told me about this technique. It seems I can turn into a dragon because of this technique. And due to your elements, I can control the dragon like it's my own body and mimic a dragon's ability like using your Fire Element to breathe fire or something else." She nodded, explaining what she might be able to do.

"I see. That's kind of useful in a fight." Alex nodded with a serious expression.

"There is one more thing, I guess." She hesitated for a second. "You should know that the energy from a Divine Weapon can be used, right?"

"Yes. It's quite big for a power reserve, allowing me to not use all of my power just to use one technique."

"Actually, when I am in the Dragon State, I can use the sword's energy or your energy to be a flying dragon. You can hop on my back and relax. Of course, since Master can use Teleportation Array, I am not really that important, but when you can't use it, I think I am a better way for transportation since my speed is a little bit faster than you. Well, I can see the world in that state, so I don't really mind." She smirked.

"Win-win situation, eh?" Alex smiled back. "I don't really mind. I know for the fact that there are cultivators who are using their Sword to fly, albeit not in this world. Either way, flying with my own Sword Technique doesn't sound that bad."

"Hehe. That's great."

"Anyway, this might be the first time I will use you to kill."

"Yes, please use me to your heart content. With this new body, I doubt there is something that can shatter me. In fact, I can destroy a Rank 8 Weapon in one or two strikes with the help of your power."

"That's something I love to hear, albeit it's better to not show your power this early. After all, it will incite the greed of many people. I don't want to get into trouble."

"Yes, sir!"

"By the way, how are the two consciousness?"

"They have been nurtured according to my way. From what I can see, they are already a strong consciousness, considering they are coming from a Martial Saint expert. If I am not wrong, you can use the spear in six months of this world's time, and the Sword Spirit will be formed in one year. Although they will have a figure like mine, they still have little control of their strength, so it's better if you are a bit patient to handle them."

"The time is not too bad. I will be staying in this world for another one year and four months, so I guess I will have a perfect pair of weapons for me."

"Yes, I can assure you they will be ready by then. I will also help them after Mistress Lin Xingzhi sent the spear here."

"Thank you." Alex nodded.

"It's fine. I am doing it because I like it." She smirked. "After all, these two are like my son and daughter...Or should I say they are brother and sister? Either way, they are twins."

"Considering your age that is far above me, I guess you can become their parents, but in terms of figure, it's more to a brother and sister."

"I shall be their elder sister then."

"Good."

### Chapter 944 - Little Witch

The next day, they proceeded with the entire mission as if they never knew anything about the traitor. Of course, due to Andre being absent, one person became his body double and acted like him. Only the five people knew he was a fake.

Alex looked at the carriage that seemed to be pulled by a Rank 10 God Beast. This was far more than what the Cypress Family had.

Aria stared at this in amazement, swearing in her heart to provide a carriage like this for her family in the future.

Meanwhile, Alex had an image change by carrying a sword in his waist. Aria didn't really mind much because she couldn't see this image change, so the impact was rather low on her. While there were no others who were as close as Aria, so they wouldn't realize this small change.

To suit the sword, Song Tao personally made a scabbard. It had a few red and pink gems that could supply the energy to the sword, allowing the Sword Energy to recover faster. Meanwhile, the base color was black with a golden colored edge, making it look a bit fancier.

When Nella saw him, she considered him as a masked hero that protected her in this mission. After all, Alex looked sexy and handsome if she ignored the burn mark, and his gentleness improved his image even further.

She wore a white shirt and short pants for this, so her movement didn't get hindered.

"How are you doing today?" She greeted them with a warm smile.

"We are good, thanks for asking." Alex nodded.

"Our carriage is in the middle."

Alex nodded. There were a total of eleven carriages lining up for this expedition as they were supposed to be the "resources" to appease the ancestors.

And they looked like a giant box filled with food, wines, and jewelry, so no one thought much about it.

With Nella leading them, they arrived in front of the carriage and looked at Alcea, who was waiting for them next to the carriage.

"Everything is ready, and there is no change of plan. I will be leaving my Nella in your hand." She smiled.

"We will protect her to the best of our abilities." Alex nodded.

"Your mission is to escort her for about three days, wait for her to finish the inheritance in another five days and escort her back. Are we clear at this point?"

"Yes. Will there be any reinforcement from the enemies?"

"Nope. I won't let them make any move. And the bandit is the only influence outside they can use without destroying the public opinion. If they dare to use their own influence, I will make sure they will be the most hated influence in this world." She smirked evilly.

"Ahaha..."

"Anyway, I will reward you after everything is over. Will that be fine?"

"Yes." Alex nodded. There were two reasons she wanted to reward them when they finished. First, the mission carried a huge risk, so if they gave it to them now, the bandits might kill and take their belongings. This way, they unnecessarily strengthened their opponents. The second reason was to see

their performances and give them a bonus. This would surely allow them to create a good image for talented people like Alex and Aria.

"I wish you three good luck." She then looked at Nella. "Take care."

"Yes, Mother. Wait for me to bring good news for you and Father. Tell him that the news I will bring will definitely shock him to the point he can't work and just think about it."

"Fufu, sure."

After that, Nella entered the carriage and waved her hands, asking Alex and Aria to enter the carriage.

Alex and Aria clasped their hands first, showing their respect to Alcea before coming inside.

The interior didn't look that much different than what Aria had, but he knew the speed was probably the main difference.

"Then, Mother. Off we go." She waved her hands as Alcea gave the sign to set off and watched how her daughter disappeared from her vision. At the same time, she didn't forget to pay attention to the guards for a moment to check if there was something missing, but luckily, she found nothing and returned to the mansion.

During the first day, Nella asked many things about the Unsurpassed Blade Sect. Unfortunately for her, Alex and Aria didn't have extensive knowledge about the sect itself as they just joined in less than a year.

This made Nella even more impressed. This mission should be important, and these two managed to grab the favor to do this mission. It meant the elders or even the peak master looked at them as a very talented individual.

She also asked about what they had done and their lodgings. Nella became even more surprised when she learned that Alex and Aria stayed under one roof. Of course, they hid the fact that Aria was training under Alex at the moment.

Last but not least was the test, they told her their experience regarding this because the tests would be different every time.

This piqued Nella's interest in joining the sect even more. She understood that if she was talented enough, there was a chance for her to do anything she wanted.

A long day finally passed, and the carriage didn't rest for the night because the beast had no need to rest like a normal horse. They were strong enough to carry them for a whole month without a rest, so the journey took less time.

When the second day arrived, Alex's face turned serious since they entered the Gola Forest. This was supposed to be where the enemies attacked them.

Alex opened the window and looked outside with his Spirit Eyes while Nella searched for the enemies in the opposite direction.

Of course, his new sword was near the window, and Eve must be enjoying the view since she kept talking to him about the trees, houses, road, and so on.

Their conversation lasted for another two hours before the carriage suddenly stopped.

"Here they come," said Alex while looking at one hundred people running down the mountain to crush the entire group.

"How many are they?" Aria asked.

"There are seventy people above the mountain while the other thirty are trashing our frontline.

To make it more believable, Nella went outside and stood above her carriage. Alex and Aria followed her to block any incoming attack while she shouted. "What is this? Who are you? State your name and affiliation! Do you realize that you are attacking the Luzear Family?"

"What are we doing here?" Suddenly, a middle-aged man's voice resounded in everyone's ears as a 9-Star Martial Saint made his appearance in the air. "Of course, I know that we are attacking the Luzear Family. Little Princess, please come here, and I will kill you painlessly. We need your blood."

Alex looked at this man and remembered what Nella told them yesterday. The blood of the main lineage of the Luzear Family had a special effect. And those who came to an age, which was when they entered Martial Monarch, their blood could trigger the inheritance place.

It was only effective for a single year. That was why there wouldn't be this tense situation other than this time.

Of course, the inheritance should be worth the hassle. According to the information from Melvie, their family's ancestor was the rival of the Peerless Sword God, a Rank 2 God. His spear shook the whole world like the Sword God.

Unfortunately, the clan declined because of this inheritance. They simply put too many resources every time just for inheritance. Whether what they got was something good or not, it would depend on their talent, and most of them failed during their training to pursue the greatest spear in this world.

Nella was one of the challengers and could be considered as one of the highest talents after generations, so they put their hope on her and used the resources needed for this.

That was why Alcea didn't even mind when Alex suggested the use of Teleportation Array. The enemies understood this well and didn't want her to succeed since she would be a threat to their influences in the future.

The middle-aged man glared at Nella and raised his hand. "I will give you ten seconds. Choose. Surrender or you will die a horrible death! There is no time limit for this, so I guess my one hundred brothers here can play with you first before collecting your blood. Hahaha!"

"You bastard!" Nella gritted her teeth and released a firework to the sky as a distress signal.

"Don't be. We have gotten the information that you won't have any reinforcement within a few hours. Do you think your one hundred men are capable of withstanding our attacks?" The middle-aged man suddenly released his Spiritual Energy, showing his cultivation.

At the same time, a few others showed them as well.

"What?! They have three 7-Star Martial Saints, three 6-Star, and the original leader of the bandits, a 5-Star Martial Saint?" One of the guards exclaimed in surprise.

"Hahaha! We have prepared more than you, Young Lady. Even if you can flee from us, you will only be surrounded by a bigger group than this. Let me kill you painlessly if you don't want to be humiliated before you die." The middle-aged man laughed evilly.

"Millman!"

"Yes, Milady." Millman appeared next to her and bowed with respect.

"Leave no one alive!" She released her killing intent.

"Men. You hear the order! Become a beast and kill those bastards! We have the same number. Let's show them the power of the Luzear Family!" Millman rallied the war cry.

"O-Oh!" The men immediately energized again.

"Unfortunately, you only have one hundred people. And only one 9-Star Martial Saint and two 7-Star Martial Saints. The rest are below 5-Star. Well, since you have chosen your own path, I won't let you die that easily." He smirked while licking his lips.

"Unprepared? Who?" Nella tilted her head in confusion. "Oh, you mean I didn't prepare for something like this?"

"Hmph. You are arrogant. Since that is the case, I will enjoy my time in breaking you!"

"Is that so? Let's see if you can." She smiled and snapped her finger. This one snap turned the situation around as the boxes on top of the carriages exploded, revealing an additional fifty people. At the same time, this one had one 7-Star and two 6-Star Martial Saints with them.

"Wha—" This shocked both enemies and allies because they never heard of this. They only knew that this box was supposed to be filled with things to appease their ancestor. And everyone had been fooled by the fact that they could use Space Ring to transport this just with Alcea announcing it was a part of the tradition.

Before they were recovered, another group of people appeared behind them, having a higher ground. They soon spread out as they planned to pincer them from two sides.

"There are another one hundred people behind us. They have one 8-Star and two 7-Star Martial Saints in their rank." The bandit informed out loud, face turned pale.

The 9-Star Martial Saint obviously couldn't understand this and immediately took out a stone from his Space Ring. "I still have this. I will kill that Millman first since he is poisoned! Die"

As he shouted, he crushed the stone with his two fingers. The energy from the stone should react with the poison and trigger a series of reactions inside his body, but Millman just stood there without having any change of expression.

"What?! Why didn't he get affected by this stone's energy? Did that bastard fail to poison him? Where is that bastard?" He looked around and couldn't find Andre.

It was at this time he realized that their plan had been disclosed, and his face turned pale.

"My mother is known as a witch. Then, I, as her daughter, will take up the same name. And there is one thing that makes a witch fearful in the town. It's because we are known as a tactician that is far scarier than those old foxes who schemed against each other." She smirked—eyes filled bloodlust—and ordered. "Kill them!"

# Chapter 945 - Aria's Strength

"Kill them!"

"Ooh!" The morale of the people from the Luzear Family rose to the sky. Even though they didn't know what just happened, they realized that everything was according to Nella's plan. The reinforcement was coming from behind or the extra people hiding inside the boxes.

In fact, those people had been staying there since last night, waiting for them to be carried along with them. As for the reinforcement, Alcea was the only one who knew them, in fact, only the leader. He asked the leader to assemble one hundred men without her knowing who they were, making this something like a different operation. This way, even if there were another spy, they wouldn't be fast enough to react.

He used the Teleportation Array Plate to teleport them inside here, waiting a little bit far from them so as not to alarm the enemy. As soon as he saw the distress signal, he immediately headed over there with one hundred people.

Ultimately, the battle escalated to such a height. This wasn't one hundred versus one hundred people anymore. Nella had two and a half sizes of the original number.

And with this kind of rallying cry, the explosive morale wasn't something that could be underestimated. After all, the people got one thing absolute. It was the assurance of Nella that everything was under her control this time.

The moment she ordered out loud, they shouted and leaped toward the enemies.

Millman took out his sword and headed toward the 9-Star Martial Saint. "This is what you get from underestimating our family. Since you want my lady to die in a brutal way, don't expect me to give you a peaceful way."

"You Bastard!" He gritted his teeth, looking at Alex and Aria, who were supposed to take care of Nella. Noticing they were only 2-Star and 4-Star Martial Saints. He ordered the original leader of the bandit group. "Ballac, she only has two guards. As long as you capture her, we can win this. I will stop them here."

"Understood." A bald, middle-aged man with a tattoo on his head flew past the encirclement. There were two disciples stopping him, but he managed to slip past them, heading straight toward Nella.

"Millman!" The leader of the hidden reinforcement shouted as he worried about Nella's well-being.

Millman only looked at Ballac for a second and shook his head. "Let him be. If he manages to capture the young lady, I will kill myself immediately."

"?!" The leader and his enemy obviously didn't understand his reasoning, but seeing how he was so confident in the strength of the two youngsters, he hesitated for a second, ready to jump back if things went south.

Little did he know that Millman had this confidence because he found these two overpowering Andre, a 6-Star Martial Saint, so effortlessly. Ballac wouldn't have a chance to catch Nella when they were protecting her.

Nella looked at Alex, who seemed to be waiting for Ballac to come in and retreat a few steps back to not be his burden.

Alex, on the other hand, focused his Spirit Eyes on this Ballac to calculate his ability before saying. "Aria, cut him down for me."

Aria was shocked for a moment before smiling. This would be the perfect chance for her to impress Alex since it was almost unheard of for a 2-Star Martial Saint winning against a 5-Star Martial Saint.

She pulled out her sword and released her lightning, not wanting to underestimate her opponents. When her lightning sparked, she suddenly moved as fast as lightning, flying straight toward Ballac.

"Fifth Dance, Lightning Step." She appeared right in front of Ballac while swinging her sword. "Fourth Dance, Lightning Draw."

Ballac widened his eyes in surprise because he never saw a 2-Star Martial Saint had this kind of speed before. This was already beyond his wildest dream. He gritted his teeth and placed his scimitar right in front of him, trying to block this.

But to his surprise, the strike blew him away, stopping his momentum. Even her allies like Nella or Millman were quite surprised to see this. They expected Alex to make a move instead of her, but it looked like Aria was enough to handle Ballac.

Ballac gritted his teeth and charged at her again, knowing that he should put this little girl in her position first before going to Nella.

"Die." He slashed his scimitar downward, sending a Sword Wave toward her.

If Aria dodged this, she would endanger Alex and Nella, so she had no choice.

Aria took a deep breath and shifted her sword to the side. Her sword suddenly moved up and down, followed by the forward movement when she jumped right to the Sword Wave.

The up and down movement became more intense and struck the Sword Wave.

To everyone's surprise, the Sword Wave cracked before it was shattered by Aria.

"First Dance, Z Slash." She smiled and continued her swing toward the sender, Ballac.

"What? That sword—" Ballac gritted his teeth, finally realizing why she could overpower him this whole time. And when he stopped the sword once again, he was blown away a few meters. He stabilized his

body and glared at Aria. "That sword is a Low Rank Divine Weapon. Who are you? There is no way a disciple like you will be provided a Divine Weapon from that Luzear Family."

"!!!" When his voice resounded in everyone's ears, they halted for a split second just to look at Aria and Alex. If the weapon Aria had was a Divine Weapon, the bandits might have no way to defeat them. However, they were already surrounded by too many disciples of the Luzear Family, there was no way to escape without sacrificing anything unless Ballac managed to grab Nella.

"Ballac. Just focus on getting that Nella Luzear. As long as we can grab her, they will cease their attack. We can even get their weapons as a ransom." The 9-Star Martial Saint shouted.

Hearing this, Ballac smiled, looking at this blind girl. He realized how to handle her.

He raised his sword once again before releasing another Sword Wave. However, he didn't aim at her this time. Instead, it was going toward Nella and Alex. If she were the only one who was stronger than the 4-Star guy, she would follow that Sword Wave just to block it.

And he was right. Even though the reason was different, she indeed felt and headed toward the Sword Wave, trying to stop it from reaching Alex and Nella.

It wasn't because she was stronger than Alex. Instead, Alex had left this matter to her hand, so it wouldn't be good if he were involved in fighting the 5-Star Martial Saint.

"Fifth Dance, Lightning Step." She appeared right before the Sword Wave, but Ballac had predicted this as he already arrived right next to her before she even struck the Sword Wave.

"Die, woman."

"..." Alex found that Aria didn't have any experience in this situation and knew that Ballac would surely hit her. Deciding to help this once, he channeled his energy to his right foot before stepping his right foot forward. "Spirit Step, Second Step."

The energy turned into an overbearing pressure that tried to crush Ballac to the point he needed to hold out with his speed alone. This lowered the speed quite a bit, allowing Aria to block the attack before getting blown away.

"Tch. Since you are joining this fight too, I will kill you first." Ballac glared at Alex. He was situated between Alex and Aria while Nella was behind Alex, so this might be the best chance to go for Nella instead of Aria.

Thus, Ballac released all his Spiritual Energy, preparing to pass Alex with his speed.

However, Alex simply said, "Aria, don't play around anymore. Give me your best strike."

"..." Aria fell silent for a second before deciding what to do.

"Playing around? Hmph! You are just bluffing. After turning the situation around, I will play around with that woman before killing her!" Ballac shouted.

"No, you are the one going down." Aria took a deep breath as she poured a huge amount of Spiritual Energy into her Sword. "This is the end of you."

"Hmph! Try me." He snorted before jumping straight toward Nella instead of her.

"Fifth Dance, Lightning Step." Aria used her Lightning Step again to appear a bit farther on his left, trying to cut him down.

"There you are!" He smirked and slashed his Sword, releasing another Sword Wave toward her. This type of attack would bound to hit her due to its speed, but what Aria wanted to use was something different than the one she had used previously.

"I don't have the requirement to unleash its full potential, but this one is enough to kill you." The Spiritual Energy sparked, and Aria drew her sword at speed faster than any of her usual drawing speed, creating a powerful shock wave just from the sheer speed.

"Purgatory Sword." She unleashed the Sword Strike she had been charging for.

The Sword Energy struck the Sword Wave, destroying it in a split second before making its way toward Ballac.

"What is this?" He obviously never saw someone in Martial Saint use a Divine Technique, let alone Sword God's Original Divine Technique.

Aria was supposed to not be able to do this if not because of Alex's advice. He had been telling her to downgrade the original technique first to comprehend it from part to part. Although the power wasn't comparable to its fullest potential, its strength was still far above any other Peak Heaven Tier Techniques.

Ballac gritted his teeth and tried to stop this Sword Strike with his strength, albeit he soon realized the indescribable force behind this Purgatory Sword.

"No!" He wanted to escape from this attack, albeit it was too late. The only way he could do it was to use his off-hand to use the Sword to buy a split second to move his body to the side.

Unfortunately, the power behind the Purgatory Sword was so great that it cut his off-hand in the end.

"Argh!" He screamed in pain before assessing the situation.

Aria was panting and sweating after using that technique. It seemed to have taken a toll on her body.

It was at this time the 9-Star leader shouted. "Ballac! What are you doing?! I want you to grab that Nella for me, not handling that woman. You need to do it quickly because we can't hold it anymore."

Listening and hesitating for two seconds, Ballac roared and swallowed a few pills. Suddenly, his aura spiked even further as he officially became a 7-Star, almost reaching 8-Star. "Argh! You are forcing me to do this."

Alex could see that his life force was drained by the pill. In other words, when the pill effect ended, he would die.

Aria narrowed her eyes, feeling the incoming danger. She instinctively returned right next to Alex and Nella before leaping toward Ballac, so he wouldn't be able to attack them without passing her.

Alex raised his sword without pulling her out of the scabbard while whispering. "Time to fight, Eve."

"Aye, sir."

When she arrived in front of Ballac, she swung her sword, trying to stop Ballac on his track, even though she could feel his 8-Star Martial Saint's strength.

"Second Dance. Flash Strike."

"Move out the way, woman!" Ballac slashed his sword, striking not Aria, but her sword. This way, the blow that she felt on her hands was tremendous, forcing her to shift her body over. Unfortunately, Ballac's strength wasn't like before. He pushed her to the ground with that strength.

"Gah!" She endured the pain that soon went away due to Ballac ignoring her and heading straight to Nella as if he had not a long time to live.

"Die!" He shouted as their distance only remained ten meters away.

Alex suddenly appeared between them with his hand on the handle, ready to draw her.

"Don't get in my way!" Ballac roared while swinging his scimitar, planning to strike Alex like how he handled Aria.

Looking at this, Alex released his killing intent and smiled.

### Chapter 946 - A Potential Betraval?

"Die!" The bandit waved his sword at Kai, trying to pin him to the ground before grabbing Nella. Seeing the strength of the bandit, who seemed to be far more powerful than Andre, she stepped back subconsciously, afraid of getting caught.

"No, I won't let you!" The leader of the reinforcement shouted and tried to fly toward him, knowing it would be the end of them. He just hoped that Alex could protect Nella with his body so he could grasp her and protect her.

Unfortunately, one person attacked him, keeping him on this battlefield. "No, you won't go anywhere."

"You bastard! Millman. You need to save Young Lady!" He shouted.

Millman glanced at Alex's expression before noticing how calm it was. With that kind of expression, he looked like someone who thought Ballac's power was insignificant. Since he was the only one who had witnessed his power, he remained calm and stayed put for a few seconds just to see how it was going to resolve.

"Millman!" On the other hand, the leader started panicking. It wasn't weird to see him acting that way. After all, he never saw Alex's real power, even Millman only saw a portion of his power, and it was enough to defeat a 6-Star Martial Saint effortlessly.

Since Ballac was his opponent, he might need to be a little bit serious, but that was all. Thus, he tried to believe in Alex and waited for this one strike to see whether he needed to break through and help Nella.

It was at this moment Alex broke all sorts of threats by just swinging his sword. The sword then split into three as if Alex was using three swords at the same time.

"Triple Draws." Alex believed in Eve's power along with this new Divine Weapon, so if she said two attacks would be enough to destroy a Rank 8 Weapon, then it would probably be enough.

When the raging bandit passed him, he suddenly stopped. His head suddenly flew to the air while his scimitar snapped into two.

'That's too easy, Master.'

Alex ignored Eve's thought transmission and sheathed his sword again. With how relaxed he was, the whole battlefield turned silent as if they just witnessed something beyond their imagination.

"Impossible." Nella behind him exclaimed in surprise. Although she was just a 1-Star Martial Monarch, she knew how powerful a 4-Star Martial Saint was. The bandit might have been injured by Aria, but it was still not the excuse to die with just that exchange alone.

Millman and the others looked at Alex in disbelief.

"That attack...The first strike was to hit the spot where the blade and the handle are connected to stop the momentum of the scimitar. The second strike hit the same area, snapping the blade. And the last strike killed Ballac himself. This guy...real?" The leader of the reinforcement exclaimed in surprise as he couldn't believe what he just saw.

However, the person in question only looked at Millman in the sky and pointed his finger toward him.

"Ah!" Millman instantly realized and shouted. "Kill them all. There is no more threat to our Young Lady."

"Ooh!"

Meanwhile, Aria had recovered and walked toward Alex, looking down. "I am sorry, I messed up."

"Nope. You did a good job. The last one was just something beyond your means." Alex shook his head before adding his own harsh opinion. "Still, have you forgotten our job?"

"Eh?!" Aria furrowed her eyebrows before realizing what he meant by those words. Their mission was to protect Nella, but her action was completely the exact opposite of that.

Although there was Alex standing in front of Nella, it was still just an excuse to think about it like that. In fact, Alex kept adjusting his position, so Ballac kept in a straight line to make sure he needed to defeat him first before being able to grasp Nella.

As for her? She only thought about impressing Alex. Although she had moved every here and then, it was just for the major points. She needed to keep her position better, so Ballac didn't have the chance to aim like that again.

"I am sorry."

"As long as you understand. A different mission has a different approach, so you need to be careful."

"Yes. I will do my best not to repeat it again." She nodded.

"That's good. Go back to the carriage and recover your energy, I will take over the job here." Alex smiled.

"I understand." Aria thought for a moment before looking at Nella. "Do you want to join me inside the carriage?"

She realized that this was another test from Alex. If she were going back, it would be better to go with Nella. It meant they would have two layers of protection, one on the outside while the other one on the inside.

Alex turned around and smiled at Nella. "How about returning to your carriage first? This battle will be concluded within twenty minutes."

Although reluctantly, she followed his advice and came inside the carriage.

Alex kept observing the situation with his Spirit Eyes, ensuring that everything was going according to the plan.

After the war had been settled, he opened the carriage again and called Nella. "We are done here. It's better to open the window, so you can discuss it with your subordinates."

Millman came to her and talked to her from the outside. "Young Lady, there are around thirty people who can't participate in the next battle. But considering we only need to handle two hundred people, I believe we can do it with this number. So, we are going to open up the path for you first, so you don't need to rush toward the inheritance place."

"Good work. Since you have used too much Spiritual Energy, rest first here for half a day before continuing the journey. I will be waiting in this carriage."

"I understand." Millman nodded solemnly before staring at Alex for a few seconds and going back without saying anything.

Nella could understand why he did that, so she turned around, facing Alex. "You are strong. To think you can defeat someone far stronger than Andre that effortlessly."

"It's nothing. That bandit leader had been injured by Aria. Even though his strength had risen to a ridiculous degree, he had lost a certain degree of his intelligence. That's why I can kill him in a single move." Alex shook his head, replying humbly.

"Even so, it's still useless unless you have a powerful strength. From what I can see, that weapon of yours is a high-level Divine Weapon, right?"

Alex stayed silent for a moment before he decided to lie. "Yes. This one barely reaches high-level Divine Weapon. It should be a mid-level Divine Weapon if not due to its overbearing sharpness."

"Still, I need to thank you for earlier. I might not know what technique you used earlier, but it was protecting me. After all, the reason you struck the blade twice was to stop his swing, so it wouldn't go forward no matter what that had the possibility of injuring me before using the last one to claim his life."

Alex was slightly astonished by her observation. It wasn't the exact same, but it certainly was his rough objective for each swing. The only thing she didn't know was the fact that his weapon could snap that sword in two strikes, thus the reason for the first two strikes.

Aria furrowed her eyebrows and sighed. She realized she did a poor job in the mission as she was too focused on Alex's instruction.

While recovering her Spiritual Energy, she decided to reflect upon her mistakes, so she could become stronger and wiser in the next battle.

Alex only smiled when he realized that both Aria and Nella were not arrogant. They realized their mistakes and did what they needed to do.

Unbeknownst to him, the show that he presented to Nella unintentionally today stuck in her memory, influencing her even further to go to Unsurpassed Blade Sect.

"If I am not wrong, there are around sixteen peaks inside the Unsurpassed Blade Sect, right? What is your peak?" Nella asked. "Are you staying in the same peak as Aunt Melvie, in the Sword Blossom Peak?"

"Yeah." Aria nodded. "It's not like the relationship between each peak is good, so yeah, you need to be on the same peak to get a special mission like this."

"I see. I thought you knew Aunt Melvie before joining the sect." Nella nodded. The answer was already obvious, but she just simply wanted to confirm whether there was something special about them. It turned out that the only relationship between them was based on talent.

"We are not. We are just lucky to receive her favor." Aria shook her head.

Nella fell silent, not buying it. She thought for a moment and changed the topic. "Anyway, it's better to discuss tomorrow's plan. What do you think about our current condition?"

Alex paused for a moment and tugged Aria's hand to see what she had in mind.

Aria was surprised at first and explained. "From our condition, we have around two hundred twenty people to fight against two hundred people. Assuming everything is safe, we should be able to win this whole situation by a large margin.

"I will probably make you stay in a far place while the battle takes place. When everything is resolved, I will bring you there."

"Assuming everything is safe?" Nella furrowed her eyebrows. "What are the problems?"

"I only have one. Betrayal." Aria pointed out the only problem she feared. The event that took place in the past really affected her heart.

"Hmm." Nella's face turned serious, remembering the words that her mother told her last night. 'My mother said to check whether there is a betrayal or not, especially with how many additional people we have added."

"It's possible." Alex nodded in agreement.

"The only pieces that can be trusted, according to my mother, are the ones she handpicked since Andre already told her there was no more spy in the rank. As for the fifty people inside the boxes, they are the special guards of our family. As for the special reinforcement, my mother only told her trusted

subordinate to form a group of a hundred. Their identities are not clear, so I assume there might be a spy among their rank." Nella let out a long sigh, facing a troublesome situation.

"So, we can expect a betrayal here?" Aria asked Alex. "But why didn't they do it now...Ah, never mind.

"They simply had not enough manpower to cause serious damage to the entire group. In that case, they must be waiting for the real big group in front of the inheritance place."

"Do you have any suggestions? My mother said that I need to make a decision when that time comes." She asked Alex, who seemed to be good at planning like this.

"There is nothing. No one can identify their real intention, so those who attack you are enemies." Alex shrugged.

"That is the only possible plan, huh."

"Yeah. Make them treat others as their enemies until they are proven otherwise."

"Actually, there is one more thing. But I guess it won't be accepted by you because we will be endangering her." Aria raised her hand.

"Hmm?! Let's hear your plan." Nella stared at Aria with a serious expression.

"It's simple. We won't do anything right now. Since we are supposed to stay far away from the battlefield, we will approach them sneakily, so when the betrayal happens, you can make a rallying call to the rest of our own forces to fight back. Unfortunately, because I don't know how many are actually a traitor, this will bring you a big disadvantage." Aria offered a solution.

Alex could understand why she said those words earlier. She wanted to make Nella a bait and a leader at the same time to overturn the situation. It was the complete opposite of their missions, but he knew it was the one with the highest possibility of winning. Of course, without him using his real power.

Alex sighed and looked at Nella, leaving the choice in her hand.

Nella understood the gaze and thought about it seriously.

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# Chapter 947 - Look

The next day, the group went toward the inheritance place without any hitch.

They arrived at the foot of the inheritance mountain in the morning, where the fog was just cleared out of the mountain, giving a majestic view of the mountain itself.

Alex, Aria, and Nella came out of the carriage before looking at the mountain.

Nella confirmed it was the right mountain as she felt something was calling her.

"That is the mountain. You guys can go to the peak first because the door is around that area." Nella nodded before staring at Millman. "You need to stay alive and be careful."

"I understand, Young Lady. I will do my best." He nodded before preparing the disciples to climb the mountain.

Aria turned around, asking something from Alex with a thought transmission. 'What do you think about this?'

'It's not good.' Alex sighed. 'There are three different groups consisting of seventy people each. It seems they know that we have killed all those people that first ambushed us, so they are going for a different strategy.'

'Should I say something to Nella Luzear?'

'I will say it.' Alex suddenly tapped Nella's shoulders and whispered. "Ask your subordinate to scout the area first. If possible, only those who are from the original escort group and do it secretly."

Nella didn't know why he wanted this but still believed in his words because of the strength he showed yesterday.

She went toward Millman and asked him to do what Alex wanted, and the latter followed her command.

Not long after, the scout went back without no one knowing, finding three different groups in the mountain that would keep making surprise after surprise when climbing the mountain. If this happened, his group wouldn't last long, considering there was a chance of betrayal.

After everything was ready, Millman led the group to climb the mountain.

Out of wariness, he wanted to leave a few people for extra protection, but Nella declined it, saying that Alex and Aria were enough for her. Since he also had seen how Alex and Aria killed Ballac, he ultimately agreed, albeit reluctantly.

Alex and the others looked at them, climbing before Alex's expression turned serious.

"Here we go. In five minutes, they are going to meet the first group, followed by the second group and the third group. With this kind of shock they endure, the betrayal will be more effective." Alex sighed.

"Sacrifice is necessary in this case. As much as I want to reduce it, it's not possible if we fight against many influences. Unfortunately, I don't have the strength to overturn the situation by myself." Nella shook her head while clenching her fists.

Aria knew that Alex was enough to destroy them, but he couldn't do it to avoid blowing away his ability. Little did he know that if Nella were someone important to him, even as a subordinate, he wouldn't mind doing something like this. If Letizia were the one in Nella's position, Alex would destroy them. That was why it wasn't so easy to be someone important to Alex.

As for Nella, she tried hard to remain calm, knowing that there would be many people who died just for her to go to the peak of the mountain.

In the midst of it, she suddenly thought something. "Nyx...What if we stick to the original plan?"

"The original plan?" Alex was confused for a second before asking, "Do you mean you want to climb the mountain while they are fighting?"

"Yes. There is a possibility of them separating a portion of their force to catch us here, so rather than waiting for them, it's better to go around the mountain and climb from that direction. The mountain is big, but we should need only two hours before reaching the opposite direction. Well, I have one Teleportation Array Plate, so I think we can use this too. It's a rank 8 Array Plate."

"If you are going to use that, then I suppose we can. However, we need the right timing, and you might want to use it to go right toward the inheritance place, you know."

"I am not good at teleportation, so I don't have the perfect control to go there." She shook her head.

Alex thought for a moment and sighed. "I think I can use it for you and send you right at the entrance, but I think the enemies will soon split their forces when they come in contact with our force."

"True. They are going to send a few here while some are going to protect the gate, so I can't come in." Nella nodded. "If you can do that, then that is the best. If we can use my position to bait them as well, it will separate their force, allowing the group to make a counterattack, especially if there are really traitors."

"Hmm...So, you have decided to use my strategy?"

"Yes." She nodded. "This time, we will use the Teleportation Array Plate to make more impact on them."

"I see. I don't really mind if that is the case." Alex agreed.

"Thanks." She smiled before taking out the Array Plate and giving it to him.

"I need the entrance position," Alex asked while looking at the mountain. His Spirit Eyes already detected a suspicious where the energy in this mountain gathered. And that energy created a tunnel and stopped somewhere around the top, so he knew it must be the entrance.

However, to show that he didn't have something special like Spirit Eyes, he played dumb and asked her instead.

Listening to his question, Nella opened a map and put it on the ground. She pointed at an area on the top left corner.

"This is us. The entrance is about here. So, it's better to move to the top of the mountain first before going down. I think it will take at most two seconds to go there and twenty seconds to open the gate just for me. I can use the Array Plate, but I don't have enough control over distance, so I will accidentally teleport far more than I am supposed to."

"Don't worry. I have enough control."

"That is surprising to be honest. How can you even control that? If I am not wrong, you need a huge amount of resources to either use many Teleportation Array Plates or ask a Space Element Array Master to help you."

"The latter. It was my master." Alex shrugged.

"Oh?!" Nella's eyes brightened, seeing Alex's value became even bigger. Space Element Array Masters were scarce even though they were not hunted down, so one Array Master usually had a prestigious name in one's clan.

Alex didn't care about revealing this because Aria knew that it was just a lie, and he wouldn't meet Nella anymore after finishing this mission.

"Anyway, since I have the general position, I will teleport us to the top of the mountain but slightly lean to the gate, so they won't have enough time to catch up." Alex nodded.

"Ye-yes. What should I do?" She asked.

"Nothing. Just stand there. We are going to move at the right time to change the tide of the battlefield." Alex smiled.

"When is that?"

"That..."

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While Alex and Nella discussed their plans, Millman climbed the mountain halfway before finding seventy people coming toward them.

"Men! Prepare your weapons!" He shouted, ordering everyone to take out their swords. "And prepare for anything possible. There might be an ambush ahead."

Although they didn't understand why Millman said that, they followed his instruction.

Not long after that, the enemy group came into sight as one of them shouted. "Enemies!"

The one leading them was a 9-Star Martial Saint middle-aged man with a long brown beard. He looked at Millman and smirked. "You have done a great deal to us, so I come to pay you back."

"Lucent from Siko Family." Millman gnashed his teeth before taunting him. "Hmph! Did you think we were not prepared?"

"No, I wanted to tell you that no matter how prepared you were, you wouldn't be able to beat us." Lucent shook his head before raising his hand as another group appeared.

The one leading them was another 9-Star Martial Saint that Millman happened to know as well. "Lazar from Gran Family."

He remembered that there were three families becoming their enemies during this time. Looking at the appearance of the Gran Family, he was convinced that the third family sent their people also. After all, the bandit group was under the Siko Family, not the other two.

And he was right. When he was about to shout, the third group came into his vision as another 9-Star Martial Saint appeared.

"Airi from Khan Family." He gritted his teeth. Facing three 9-Star Martial Saints alone put them at a disadvantage even with their number, so Millman tried to come up with a solution and shouted. "Two of you are to inform the young lady to rush toward the top."

The two 6-Star Martial Saint behind him nodded, turned around, and flew down the mountain.

However, another two people came into their way and cut them down in the most unexpected timing.

These two were the subordinates under the reinforcement leader's command, two of the three 7-Star Martial Saints he bought.

"What?!" Millman dropped his jaw before calling out the reinforcement leader's name out loud. "Kain!"

When he looked at Kain, he found out that he was as shocked as him, not knowing why they suddenly moved like that.

Before they could recover from the shock, another fifty people suddenly slashed their weapons down to their nearest allies.

"Argh!"

Clank.

A series of screams filled the battlefield as they died unjustly. Because of Millman's order earlier that asked them to take out their weapons, some of them managed to parry it, but there was still half of them died due to this.

The fifty people immediately separated themselves to avoid the sudden outburst of Millman. With this, the battle became less than one hundred fifty people against more than two hundred fifty people.

They also had a big advantage in terms of cultivation alone. Millman could feel the morale dropping crazily and gritted his teeth because he never expected something like this to happen. Even Alcea didn't say anything about this.

Little did he know that Alcea indeed knew, but she only told Nella. After knowing the odds, she asked Nella to rush toward the top of the mountain. Obviously, Nella changed her plan because of Alex's influence because the plan required her to sacrifice all the people Millman led, even Millman himself.

And yeah, as one would expect, the disciples of the Luzear Family subconsciously dropped their weapons, knowing that they would die here.

"This is impossible."

"Don't give up! Our Young Lady is still waiting for us." Millman shouted, trying to raise their morale once again, but the betrayal, their loss, and the current situation looked very dim and destroyed their morale.

At the same time, the enemies had enough men to spare to even send a portion of their force to Nella and the top of the mountain.

"Millman! Our current situation is my fault. I will be holding them back while you bring our young lady back to the city. This mission is as good as lost. The only thing we can do is to send the young lady back, so she can try again in the near future. There are still a few months for the time limit." The

reinforcement leader gritted his teeth while looking at his subordinates. He didn't need to ask because he could already understand the reason just by looking at his current subordinates' expressions. There was no need to spare a word.

"Are you planning to die here?"

"Yes. I don't dare to show my face again, so I will die here and make all these bastards pay!" He nodded while showing his killing intent.

"Heh?! Do you think you are capable of escaping from this place?" Lucent snorted after successfully positioning his group behind them, not allowing any of them to breakthrough.

"..." Millman bit his lips before shouting. "Men, this is it. Even if you need to die, keep moving forward. We will break through their encirclement."

"O-oh!" There were only around thirty people letting out their voices while the rest lost hope. However, those people who had lost hope were the ones finding the miracle that Nella had been working on.

"Look!" One of them shouted while pointing at the top of the mountain.

#### Chapter 948 - Destroyed Them

"Look!" A disciple pointed his finger to the sky above the mountain, finding three people looking down on them.

They were none other than Alex, Aria, and Nella.

"What?!" The enemies exclaimed in surprise simultaneously while Millman called her. "Young Lady!"

Millman realized that the young lady had predicted this and sneaked past them. Because of the traitors, she couldn't say anything as they would plan accordingly. And with how she showed herself, she planned to raise their morale. In other words, she wanted both her and this group to win.

As soon as he noticed this reason, Millman shouted. "This is it! Our young lady already knows about those traitors. If you are truly the proud disciples of the Lazear Family, pick your weapon and show your might. If the enemy is twice of us, each of us simply needs to kill two of them. Let's overturn this situation and offer this victory to the young lady!"

"O-oh!" This time, almost everyone rejoiced as they looked at the enemies with killing intent.

As Millman predicted, Siko and Lazar shouted at the same time. "Airi. Bring all your forces to head to the entrance. Hurry up! We can't enter the inheritance place if she managed to enter first, so you need to stop her!"

"That's right. She can use a Teleportation Array Plate after she finishes, so you need to go."

The 9-Star Martial Saint Airi nodded her head and turned around. "Follow me!"

"Look. Our number is not that much different right now! Let's kill them." Millman knew that the only thing he could do was handle the people here because they would only be stopped again if they tried to breakthrough.

Alex and Aria should be able to buy enough time since they only needed to buy time for a few seconds.

"Kill them!"

The great clash finally began as Nella's figure had disappeared from the sky.

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Nella found the entrance and descended to the ground, looking at a cave entrance sealed by an array.

Nella immediately bit her thump and placed it on the seal. "I, Nella Luezar, the daughter of..."

Alex and Aria looked at the horizon where they spotted those people from Khan Family.

After around ten seconds, they landed on the ground.

Airi, who was responsible here, instantly jumped toward Nella, trying to stop the ritual from opening the gate.

"No, you won't!" Airi gritted his teeth, trying to pierce Nella's heart using the spear. This way, she would acquire her blood as well. However, Alex suddenly appeared in her way.

"You are just a 4-Star that has enough luck to defeat a 7-Star Martial Saint. Move!" Airi roared as her spear started glowing.

"Whatever happens, don't turn around and head straight to the cave. We will be fine since we are going to run away after you come in." Alex informed Nella while pulling out his sword. "Triple Draws."

The three simultaneous attacks made their appearance again, trying to cut down Airi.

The first one and the second were heading toward her spear while the other one targeted her head.

She suddenly felt an intense fear as if the death god wanted to bring her and halted her movement. However, Alex's first two strikes already landed on her spear, breaking it. The third strike still continued, but Airi managed to react fast enough to use the handle to block it, albeit she saw it cracking.

"!!!" Instinctively, she leaped back and changed her spear. "Impossible."

"Open!" Nella followed Alex's instruction and managed to open the entrance. She immediately entered the gate, but she remembered that Alex had a low chance of escaping from them, so she threw a Teleportation Array Plate at him. "Use this. If it's not possible to come back here when I finish, then head straight to my family because I will be using another Teleportation Array Plate to go there."

Alex was surprised by her thoughtful nature and grabbed the Array Plate, but before he was able to thank her, the gate already closed, leaving no chance for Airi to catch up.

"You are not going away!" Realizing that she had failed, Airi wouldn't leave these two alive since Nella deemed them important enough to give them a precious Teleportation Array Plate.

Instead of running away, Alex smiled and struck her new spear with his power alone, blowing her away right back at her group.

"What?!" She widened her eyes. Even though she had known Alex was strong from the first blow, she never expected a 4-Star Martial Saint could blow her away like this.

Alex made sure that Nella had gone inside and smiled. "Since she can't see us now, it's time to kill these people."

"Are you sure? We will be questioned, you know." Aria furrowed her eyebrows.

"If she didn't give this Teleportation Array, we would be in that situation. Fortunately, she gave this to us. We can simply say that we use the Teleportation Array to teleport not far from here and use the traps I have set up to kill these people. It cost me a big amount of money, so we can ask for more compensation." Alex grinned, planning to suck this Luzear Family dry.

"Ehm...Why do I feel that you are a bad guy right now?" Aria twitched her eyebrows before shaking her head. "Well, I know that you are planning to use some of it to increase my strength, so I don't have the right to complain. Since you have decided, there is only one thing to do."

"Do you two think you can defeat us? Know your position, brats!" Airi shouted while pointing her spear toward them.

Alex smiled and released a portion of his seal. His cultivation rose from 4-Star to 9-Star Martial Saint, shocking Airi once again. "Know my position? No, you are the one who needs to know your position."

Suddenly, a dragon from Spiritual Energy appeared, hovering above his head.

'I will leave her safety to you, Eve.' Alex asked Eve to protect Aria.

'I understand, Master. It's not my forte, but against these people, it won't be a problem,' replied Eve while controlling her dragon body to go around Aria.

"Fight to your heart content. The sooner we finish this, the sooner I can burn their body and create a mess somewhere to make our excuse believable." Alex commanded.

Aria nodded and looked at the enemies.

"I will make you regret for underestimating us!" Airi raised her spear. "Attack them. We have the number advantage."

Alex looked at them and poured more Spiritual Energy than usual before stepping his right foot forward. "Spirit Step, Second Step."

The immeasurable pressure fell upon them as some of them suddenly dropped down to the difference of their cultivation.

Aria saw this and covered her body with lightning.

"Spirit Step, Sixth Dance. Lightning Rabbit!"

She ran with a larger step to make maneuvers easier as her sword began cutting those who fell down as if a rabbit were jumping from one person to another. Those who felt this pressure were unable to react to this movement, so they just watched their comrades fall one by one.

Airi saw this and tried to stop her, but the dragon suddenly breathed out fire, stopping her advance. The intense heat immediately permeated the battlefield, forcing her to leap back just to avoid it. When she looked at her hand, she was surprised to see there was a small black spot on her skin.

As she was about to blow out, Alex appeared next to her with a smile. "I am your opponent."

"!!!" Airi raised her spear as Alex slashed his sword right at her neck.

Suddenly, his blade expanded, almost slicing her throat. Due to her good reflex, she managed to throw herself to the side just to avoid this attack.

Alex didn't stop and attacked the fallen her before those who were beside Airi tried to stop Alex.

Looking at their movements, Alex stopped his attack and slashed these four people first as they were only 3-Star Martial Saints.

Airi used her hand to launch herself into the air before landing a few meters from Alex as she never saw someone like him.

Not wanting to waste a single second, Alex already predicted where she landed and unleashed a Sword Attack.

"One Sword Kill, Blade of Extinction."

Unlike his usual light red Sword Wave, this one was in blood-red color. However, one could still feel the heat coming from it.

This Sword Wave had been dyed in Eve's color as she infused the Bloodlust and Killing Intent in the Sword to strengthen the Sword Wave.

Alex was astonished for a moment before looking at Airi, who had no way to escape other than breaking this attack.

Unfortunately to her, the strength of this Sword Wave was far stronger than anything she could imagine. In fact, the force behind it was close to Divine Ability. When it hit her spear, everything was cut cleanly, including her, who was behind the spear before the Sword Wave disappeared according to Alex's will.

He just didn't want to let Millman and the others saw this attack, lest they would become even more suspicious.

"Impossible." Airi let out her last word before falling to the ground.

Alex looked at her for a second before killing the rest with Aria.

After five minutes, they had finished their jobs.

Seeing this entire mess, he used his Pure Fire to burn all their corpses and evaporate their blood so as to not leave any clues. As for some craters here and there, he left it alone, showing that Alex and Aria fought them bravely just so Nella had enough time to go inside before escaping in Millman's perspective.

Well, if Nella were the one seeing this, she would think Alex and Aria needed to fight the enemies first before they had a chance to escape. Either way, both reasons were good enough. With Alex showing that he killed a 7-Star Martial Saint, close to 8-Star, Millman and Nella would believe if he could kill Airi with the help of traps.

After that, he checked Aria's condition that seemed to have used half of her strength.

Considering the enemies' strength, it was to be expected. Alex only asked. "How do you feel right now?"

"I am good. Because of your help, I am in better shape while killing twenty people with higher levels than me. This is indeed a good training since I can understand their attack patterns, especially when I start getting conscious of how their weapons worked." She nodded with a smile, ignoring her fatigue.

"That's good then. I will check the situation once more. You can go in this direction, and I will catch up later." Alex pointed toward the east.

"I understand." She agreed and immediately flew away, knowing there wouldn't be any more enemies in that way.

#### Chapter 949 - Ancestor

A few minutes later, Aria looked to her left, finding Alex had caught up. "We don't have any problem, right?"

"Yes. I should have burned everything, including a small blood droplet, so I am sure they won't have anything to track us." Alex nodded.

"Where should we create a new battle scene there? And don't you think it's better to use their body and place it in this new place to make it more believable?"

"No, I don't recommend that. If you investigate their bodies, it's easy to tell how we kill them. The moment we say we used the traps to kill them, they will realize we are lying. I know that we can try to smear everything about them, but it's hard to manipulate it to a perfect degree. Rather, I will just smear monster blood around the area and coat it with water. In terms of energy, they are not that different from humans, so as long as we use red blood, we can camouflage them as human blood."

Aria thought for a moment and noticed how clueless she was in this situation. She took a mental note about this and nodded. "I understand. I will be following your decision since you are more experienced than me...Now I am wondering what the heck have I done this whole time? You are far younger than me, but your strength and experience far surpass me."

"Haha, we just have a different life. That's all." Alex shrugged.

Aria fell silent for a few seconds before sighing in defeat and changing the topic. "Anyway, where will we create a new battlefield aftermath?"

"A bit farther from this location because we will make it a bit bigger because it won't be logical to kill a 9-Star Martial Saint with seventy people with her by small traps. Since Millman and the others can't see this, it should be far away." Alex nodded. "We will travel around fifteen minutes. It should be enough."

"Alright." She nodded.

Alex and Aria flew according to Alex's plan and arrived in a deep forest with huge trees surrounding them. This would be the perfect place to place traps, so he immediately commanded. "You go around and cut these trees while leaving your marks everywhere. I will do some explosions here and there."

She nodded and moved to the spot, beginning to work on the perfect battle.

Alex did the same and created many explosions that blew trees away. He did it to the very details, including how his fire burned the trees. It looked far worse than the aftermath in front of the cave, but at the same time, it appeared to be natural as if there was a big battle here.

Smearing the monster blood on the ground, stones, and trees, Alex finally finished decorating this place and regrouped with Aria.

"I have done according to your instruction. What do you think?"

"It's good enough. We will be waiting for a day or two to make the others think we have used our time to escape, trap, kill, and recover." Alex nodded.

"How about those people? Do you think they can win?"

"Absolutely. Sitting here alone is enough to make the enemies grow restless as time goes by. After all, they are worried whether Nella has managed to enter or not. With that aftermath and the missing people, including us, they won't be able to confirm it. This will give Millman a good advantage to take the situation unless he doesn't believe us."

"I see. We will wait then." She hesitated for a second before asking, "What do you think about the inheritance of the Luzear Family? Their ancestor indeed followed the Sword God in the past, and he was able to reach Rank 2 God, so I wonder if you are interested in it."

"Nope." Alex shook his head. "It will give me more troubles than necessary. Besides, he is a Spear User, right?"

"Yeah."

Alex lied at this point because it surely piqued his interest. He wanted to know the difference between wielding a sword and a spear, especially from a Rank 2 God. However, he knew that there would be a weird bond between him, the Sword God, and the Luzear Family if he went there, so it would be best to make a line here.

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Meanwhile, half an hour earlier, when Nella just entered the cave, she found nothing but darkness in the cave. There was no light or whatsoever that could lead the way, but Nella didn't panic. Instead, she used her Spear Domain to scan her surroundings before feeling the pressure coming from the Spear Qi flowing inside the cave.

'Mother said this is a kind of test to see whether I can go to the end of this path and meet the ancestor...' She started walking according to the path she sensed without hesitation while thinking. 'Anyway, there is something bothering me with that Nyx. I feel like there is something more in him to the point my business sense is tingling. Well, there is a high possibility of me joining the sect, so I can know about him more and whether to forge the relationship between my family and him.'

While thinking about this, a light ball appeared in front of her as if it wanted to follow her. She hesitated to follow this because it might also be a test from her ancestor, but the light ball suddenly formed into a human figure, smiling at her.

"Welcome to my humble abode, little girl. May I know who you are?"

She was dumbfounded seeing this but immediately bowed and introduced herself. "I am Nella Luzear, 87th generation and the current patriarch's second daughter."

"I see. So, the last one coming here was your..."

"Yes, it's my brother, Kevin Luzear." She nodded.

"That's good to know then. Follow me then." He waved his hands as blue light suddenly brightened the whole cave.

'The walls are emanating blue light?' She furrowed her eyebrows, but her feet had begun walking.

They didn't talk for a few minutes before she found light coming from the exit of the cave. When she crossed it, a majestic room came into her vision.

There was a huge palace inside the cave room.

'Huge? The cave alone is around a few kilometers, while the building is a fifth of that. I can see trees here and there, so it must be a garden, but more importantly, I can feel the boundless Spear Qi in this place.' She gasped and looked around.

"I see. You are that type huh, not bad. At least, you are not rash." He nodded and stroked his long bird. Since he had arrived in this place, he finally turned into a middle-aged man that was in his prime. His muscular body was still visible, and there was this fighting aura emanating from his body.

"Nella Luzear greets the Ancestor."

"Good. Because you were not sure if I am your Ancestor, you didn't greet me earlier. It means you have the necessary heart to remain calm in every situation." He assessed Nella's personality and kept nodding his head as if he was satisfied with it. "Still, fifty years old Martial Monarch, huh. Not bad."

"Thank you for the praise even though I don't deserve it."

"Anyway, there is something bothering me. Before we enter, I hope you don't mind me asking this question first."

"Ye-yes. I will answer Ancestor's question to the best of my ability."

"My question is simple. Who were the man and woman coming with you? Although I couldn't see them due to the barrier that keeps me living here, I could still feel their presence and energy."

"Ah?!" Nella never expected this question to come out of his mouth and instantly apologized, thinking they shouldn't come because they disturbed him. "I apologize if they have caused a disturbance in your abode, but they..."

"No, no. You misunderstand me here." He corrected her before she could finish her words. "I just want to know who they are and their relationship with you simply because I am curious about them, not because they have disturbed me."

"I see." Nella felt relieved and explained. "They are Nyx and Aria Cypress from the Unsurpassed Blade Sect. My mother, Alcea Luzear, informed her friend to post a mission so the sect could send a few disciples to escort me. As Ancestor might already know, we were always targeted during this time, including me."

"Yes, I know. It's a kind of selfish wish of mine, but I want the latter generations to think about overcoming these difficulties and coming out at the top. Do you think I am too cruel?"

"No. Ancestor only wants us to grow even stronger. There is nothing wrong with that." Nella shook her head.

"Anyway, it seems you don't have any relationship with them."

"Currently, yes. They are only bodyguards after all."

"Currently?" He caught the hidden meaning and asked, "So you do have a plan to—"

Nella nodded. "There is something different about these two from the usual disciples, so I am a bit curious about them because I feel they are far extraordinary for an inner disciple. My Mother has shown this concern as well and asked me to observe them."

"I see. In that case, let this old man say something to you. Do whatever you can to forge a relationship with them. No, whatever the case, grab that boy for the family. Or if you can't do that, make sure not to become his enemy." He looked at Nella with a serious expression.

Nella was amazed by her ancestor. Alex was indeed different and even brighter than Aria, but it wasn't this much, so this kind of request baffled her.

"What? You don't understand?" The ancestor scratched the back of his head and explained. "You must know my relationship with the Peerless Sword God, right?"

"Yes."

"Then do you know what are the things the Sword God has left behind?"

"His Sword, Sword Cave, Sword Stone, Sword Pavilion and Sword Arena."

"That's right. Those are the five wonders of this world. I felt the presence of his skill in the woman's body, so my prediction is that she has managed to grasp his sword technique. And only his Divine Sword Techniques that I can strongly remember, so that woman is someone extraordinary."

"What?!" Nella dropped her jaw to the ground before sweating.

"That's not all. The boy is more outstanding. I don't know why but I feel the energy of a Sword Spirit in his sword."

"A Sword Spirit?" This time, she got confused with the new terms.

"There are not many who know this, but there is another kind of entity called the Sword Spirit, or in general, they are known as the Spirit residing in a weapon. In the past, only the Sword God managed to create a Sword Spirit that resided in the Sword he left behind."

"Then, do you mean he has the Sword?" She fell down as her feet couldn't withstand the pressure of this matter. She never expected that these two were this extraordinary. If she knew about it, she would treat them differently.

"No, I doubt he has the sword because I can feel that the Sword Spirit is different than the one I know." He shook his head. "It must be another Sword Spirit. You, later generations, have been feeding me with information from the outside world, so I know there is not a single Sword Spirit other than that kid, but I guess there is another one born in this world. Even the Sword God could only form a Sword Spirit when he was a Rank 5 God, so this kid must be extraordinary. Whether it was his inheritance or his hard work, all of it was irrelevant. You know what I mean?"

Nella's body started shaking as if she just heard the information that would shake the world. There might be another God King rising at this moment, and it was still hidden from the world. If that was the case...

Her expression suddenly turned serious.

"Anyway, I don't think I need to tell you what you need to do, right? There is a possibility of killing him before he grows up, but a mysterious guy is usually more dangerous than what he shows, so yeah." He let out a long sigh. "We better move on to your training first before we discuss this. Come on in."

#### Chapter 950 - Marriage

A few days later, Alex and the others had gathered in front of the cave's entrance. Millman had fought hard and somehow won despite losing around a hundred people. However, the enemies lost more, and a huge portion of the spies that the other families planted had been extinguished, so this might be the cleanest state of the Luzear Family.

After getting the information from Alex and Aria, Millman checked the aftermath and was convinced that both of them managed to kill Airi and her subordinates. There was a possibility that the Khan Family might use this to open war against them, but Millman already assured them there wouldn't be such a thing.

The first thing he did was to make sure that he was the only one investigating the battlefield, so no one realized that Alex and Aria had killed them. To get away from Airi from this place, they used the traps to deal with them, which surprisingly devastated them more than they hoped for, leading them to a decision where they fought back.

Alex and Aria told the same story until Millman believed it one hundred percent.

Millman then solved the entire situation before resting in front of the cave. Due to the possibility of Nella escaping with Teleportation Array Plates instead of a normal way, the other families decided to not send any more reinforcement, not that they could do it...

The group waited for a few days, and the gate was opened. Nella finally made her appearance and smiled. "I have made all of you go through hell..."

"Young Lady." Millman and the others immediately kneeled on one knee and clasped their hand politely.

Alex and Aria found something different from Nella. Unlike her previous temperament, she seemed to grow a bit more. Not physically, but mentally. Still, the one thing that stuck in their mind was the symbol on her forehead.

There was a small tattoo on her forehead that looked like a spear, albeit a bit shorter. Even so, it created a unique charm on her face, especially with her calmer temperament.

"Nyx, Aria, I would like to offer my thanks because you two were the reason why we won this fight."

Alex and Aria nodded.

"Of course, the warriors here and those who have fallen on the battlefield are our reason too. I am thankful for all of you, and I will make sure that the family of the deceased won't be treated wrongly. You all are my pride." Nella smiled.

"Oh!" They shouted energetically as if they had never fought a tiring battle.

"Since no one will probably ambush us again, let's set off to our home." She smiled. "Millman."

"Yes, Young Lady." He nodded and shouted. "Men! Rise up. This is our triumph return."

"Oh!" The group immediately packed up. They flew toward the city with the same pace while keeping their vigilance.

Fortunately, there wasn't a single enemy appearing in their way, so the group managed to return without any more casualties.

As soon as they arrived in front of the Luzear Family's mansion, they were greeted by Alcea's warmest smile and bow.

"Thank you for coming back alive despite going through the worst. Please go in and rest to your heart content. I will handle the rest myself."

"Yes, Madam!"

Nella suddenly walked toward Alex and Aria before offering to guide them to their previous room.

Alcea was surprised by this, but she understood that something must have happened, so she didn't stop her daughter. The difference in Nella's appearance and temperament also didn't escape from her eyes, so she only let her daughter do whatever she wanted to do and investigated it later.

When Alex and Aria had settled down in their room, Nella immediately left them alone, wanting to talk about it to her mother, especially regarding their reward.

Alex furrowed his eyebrows and felt something was wrong in this matter. He didn't see there was a change in the energy flow inside the mountain, so he had no knowledge that the master of the mountain actually sensed him from inside.

"Nyx, what do you think about this mission?"

"Suspicious." Alex narrowed his eyes. "Of course, I am sure that the Luzear Family will handle everything regarding the three influences cleanly, making sure we are not involved, but I am concerned in one thing."

"What is it?"

"The change of Nella. I don't know why but she feels different as if she is planning something."

"Do we need to escape and abandon the reward? I don't really mind though. Besides, we had gathered all the traps we have set before during the two days we decided to hide for our "Plan," so I believe we can use the Teleportation Array Plate she gave us before to escape from this mansion." Aria suggested.

"I know, but I don't mean something like that." Alex shook his head. "Have you noticed the spear mark on her forehead?"

"Yes."

"It contains a boundless Spear Qi, including Divine Spear Qi. I assume there is a big secret in this mark..." Alex thought for a moment before giving an example. "Firstly, there is a chance that this Spear Mark is a kind of Sword mark in the Sword Stone. These two people had a certain degree of friendship, right? So, there might be a connection with that."

"Are you saying that Nella has acquired the full inheritance of the Luzear Family's Ancestor?"

"Probably, but I don't have the necessary information to claim something like that."

"Then, what is the second possible thing?"

"The Ancestor actually possesses her...But this one is most unlikely for various reasons." Alex fell silent while adding inwardly, 'Of course it's impossible. I would be able to pick it up with my Spirit Eyes if that were the case.'

"The problem is...Are you going to give her the recommendation letter?" She asked.

Alex thought for a moment before handing the letter to her. "If she has the motivation to enter, I don't really mind, but it's not me who will give her, it's you."

Aria instantly realized why she needed to be the one giving the letter. She put a teasing smile. "You don't want to create a misunderstanding? Oh, almighty hero Nyx saved the princess and overturned the whole situation where her country was almost destroyed. Not only did he win the war, but he also brought more and more things to the country and the princess. Thus, the princess is going to marry the hero and live happily ever after."

"Do you want a chop on the head?" Alex released a bit of the pressure before Aria stopped talking and stuck out her tongue.

"Alright. I will be asking if she is interested and give the recommendation letter to her."

Alex nodded. "Then, you can rest first until we get the reward and immediately return to the sect. You will start your training again in mastering the Purgatory Sword before moving to the third step, your Sword Eye."

"I am looking forward to it. I really would like to see your face and everything...I am really curious for so many years." She smiled and nodded. "I don't mind if you torture me more—Gya!"

"That's not a torture. It's training." Alex chopped her head. "The effect of the training is good, but there is a side effect. You might get used to pain in various ways."

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Alex didn't continue and returned to his room to start cultivating to pass the time.

A few hours later after the discussion, Nella came to the room. Alex and Aria noticed her presence and were about to greet her. However, Nella suddenly leaped toward Alex's door and opened it, finding him not far from the door.

Sensing this, Aria halted her steps and smiled as if there would be something interesting happening at this moment. Out of curiosity, she sneaked out and tried to eavesdrop on their conversation.

Alex narrowed his eyes and looked at Nella while thinking, 'Ah, here it comes. What kind of thing does she want to talk to me about?'

"Nyx, I would like to personally thank you for your help during the entire campaign. I have seen your contribution, and much less to say, it's the biggest out of everyone. That's why I would like to know if you have something that you want. If it's within my limit, I won't hesitate to give you, including..." She looked down and blushed.

'So, that's how it is...' Alex sighed inwardly and wondered how they could arrive at such a conclusion. "I don't have anything I want right now, but yeah, I still need a huge amount of resources, so I will be thankful if you are giving me more Spirit Crystals."

Alex decided to ignore it.

"Eh...You only want that?" She widened her eyes before thinking. "Ah, you must haven't understood the Spear Seal on my forehead. This is the symbol of the highest inheritance rank. This will allow me to understand more about Spear and any other things around it, including the Divine Technique that my ancestor used. So, I am sure you know what kind of person you have just escorted, right?"

"Oh?!" Alex nodded. "The reward I want remains the same. It's still the Spirit Crystals. After all, the resources I get will be split with Aria, so yeah, I need more to increase my cultivation."

"Ugh." Nella didn't know why but she felt a bit hurt when she heard this. Although she didn't know whether Alex had an interest in women or not, it still disturbed her how he was so normal in front of her. Her beauty was one of a kind to the point she could boldly claim that she was more beautiful than Aria, but the latter always came out of his mouth.

"Is there any problem?"

"Yes. There are two actually." She nodded with a serious expression.

"Hmm?! Is that so? Then I guess I will be settled with medicinal herbs instead. I am sure there isn't a problem with this one, right?"

"That's not the main problem, though." She gently scratched her cheek embarrassedly. "The first problem is that I am questioning your gender. I mean, you can literally ask everything, including me...And I am sure I have hinted at it..."

"I am a man. There is nothing wrong with that. And please don't expect us to be lustful since not all of us are like that. It's true that I appreciate beauties, but I don't have a desire to possess them easily." Alex shook his head. "I don't mean to be rude, but that's my answer."

"Ugh." She looked down. "Mother said that I had many admirers, but it seemed the one I needed the most was unattainable. No, it must be what those admirers think about me? Ehm? Ugh."

"Lady, I don't know what you are thinking, but it's best to forget that objective." Alex sighed while adding inwardly. 'I still need to settle the matter with Evelyn and Letizia. Too much of a problem.'

[Pfft. Even if you accept those two, there are still two more spots that can be filled in the bedroom.]

'You seem to be enjoying my suffering.'

[Your suffering is the dream of most people, you know.]

'And what? There will be a huge problem if there is a war between family members, so even though I am accepting all of you, I am trying to keep it small to make sure the possibility is minimal.'

[It's a matter of education. Do you think we are that easy to accept polygamy? Nope. What do you think is the easiest reason for the world to unite as one? It's simple. They just need one enemy and one simple objective. For us, the enemy is those who want to destroy the family, while the objective is to keep the family going even if we need to sacrifice a little bit. After all, we know that you have sacrificed more in terms of physical.]

'Whatever, let's talk about this later. I need to somehow make sure that this girl doesn't think that way first since I don't want to make a mess in this world.'

[Fine. Good luck.]

Alex could only shake his head against Lin Xingzhi before looking at Nella.

"There is actually a third problem." Nella suddenly thought of something good. "There will be a problem with our cashflow if we give the reward according to your contribution, so we would like to decrease it a little bit and throw a bonus. And the bonus is me...

"Do you happen to need a woman with marriage in mind?"

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